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TERRIBLE DEED

Of an Unknown Negro-Attacks a Young Woman Near Terre Haute.

By Associated Press. Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 26.-Ida Finklestein aged 20, a school teacher, while walking through a lonely strip way from the school house where she three miles east of Terre Haute, she pull a tuft of spear grass." was assaulted by an unknown negro who shot her in the back of the head and cut her throat, severing the wind-

After the dastardly assault was committed Miss Finklestein ran for half a mile to a farm house with the blood streaming from her wounds and fell unconscious on the doorsteps. She dled at 11 o'clock tonight and officers over the top. Brown in a quick oven,and men are scouring the country for Ludies' World, New York. the negro, armed with revolvers and shotguns. Lynching may result if the assaulter is caught. Miss Finklestein lived in Terre Haute and has been a student at the Normal School. She was a bright young woman, accomplished and had a wide circle of friends in this vicinity.

FOR THE DEBUTANTE.

A Few Words of Caution and Advice to Young Ladies Going Into Society.

It is not the grave omission and comwission in the conformance of affairs in what is known as the polite world which make or mar one's social status. It is faults neither of the head,or heart, but a disregard of the ley rules of set regulations which make one wish a woman would think twice sometimes.

says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In large gatherings nothing is deemed more provincial than the monopoly of any particular man by a woman, young or old. Debutantes alone need a word of caution here. A single season shows them that attentions of any marked character are decidedly to be avoided. No girl who hopes to do her legitimate share of shining in society will even permit herself the stealing away into shadowy nooks or to secluded corners after a dance, but will release her partner with no outward evincing of regret or relief. A ballroom may be the place from which one afterward traces conquests (they are not, however, so common as the debutante might suppose), and she is much more eagerly sought when her motive is apparent-that of gracing the function with her beauty, the taste of her rollet and her evident enjoyment of its affair in toto, and not that she is using her hostess' camp as a field for her flir-

A witty Frenchwoman, Mme, de Girardin, once wrote: "Amuse vourselves, ch young beauties, but flutter your wings in the broad light of day. Avoid shadows in which susplcion hides.

In glittering novels, written by those who know nothing of the inner folds of fashionable and exclusive society, the young beroine, scarcely out of her teens, reigns like a queen in every huge assembly. Her beauty, her gorgeous rown set the whole gathering on exeited edge, but the facts are widely different. The debutante is never pushed by a wise parent, her entry beond the ripple of her "coming out" caves but little stir upon the already seething agitation of the social wave She is never overdressed, because, wisev, the most is made of her youth, which perhaps never again will shine in such undoubted radiance without the aid of external ornament. She appears. for a time only, as the young and treasured assistant of her mother, or, if motherless, as the representative of her father's home, and she is sure to win far, far more lasting admiration if she displays a sweet and winning graciousness, and an unexpected dig nity, than if she makes her entry with patent intention to dazzle society whose eyes are long accustomed to all aditions of brilliancy.

Clever talkers are sometimes disagreeably surprised at finding the men whom they dazzled by their wit during a first conversation slow to return and seek them. They see girls distanced by them at school, slow of wit, not always beautiful, chosen and led away before them-and this by men whom

The witty mocker, the cynic, the clever critic of folly as it flies, may serve to amuse a passing hour; but for an enduring diet men crave the essentially feminine qualities of forbear ance, sympathy, gentleness and a readiness to condone offense.

A SHREWD WITNESS.

Out on Well Grounded Ar-

She was on the witness stand in her own behalf, being also defendant in the action. She was a sturdy widow, hardworking, shrewd in a deal and gar-

sour and sterile," suggested the attorney for the plaintiff. "That's what I said, only I wasn't so

persniffity about it, and I'll say more-" "Just a moment, please. We want evidence, not opinions. Did you raise anything on this land of ours?" "Land of ours!" with a sniff. "You

never owned a thimbleful of it. Yes, 1 style of turning it up once and tying it did raise things on it. It took two hills with a bow of ribbon. Part the hair at to raise a bean and a whole row of corn one side in front and give it that to raise a nuboin. I raised a cabin, I fluffed-out, soft appearance in the cenraised a pigpen, and I tried to raise a goat, but it starved to death, poor thing. That ground wouldn't raise dog fennel or even Canada thistles." "Don't exaggerate, please. You say

the soil was sour?" "I couldn't exaggerate about that ground if I was a lawyer. In the morning when the dew was steamin' off in the sunshine you'd think you was livin' next door to a pickle factory. I kept my sugar in an air-tight jar."

"Pshaw! That's ridiculous, I suppose the ground was so hard you couldn't blast it."

"Nuthin' of the kind. I'm here to tell the truth. But I'll tell you how hard of woods late this afternoon on her that ground was. I had to chop my set onions out with a hatchet, and a big taught, to the inter-urban electric line, gander I had broke his neck tryin' to The landlord did not recover.

Scalloped Squash,

Heat one-fourth cupful of milk almost to the scalding point, stir in a lump of butter the size of an egg, rolled in one tablespoonful of flour, take from fire and add a beaten egg. Dip the whole into one cupful of cold boiled squash, season, and put into a buttered pudding dish, sifting brend crumbs

A Story of the Sen.

"The pirates and the buccaneers secured those seas for years," remarked the captain of a ship in the Gulf of Mexico.

"And still," murmured a seasick passenger with his head over the lee rail.

FOR THE SICKROOM.

Some Advice Regarding Ventliation, Disinfection and Furnishings.

In caring for any contagious disease at home there are certain precautions to be observed by the nurse for her own safety as well as the spread of the dis-Free ventilation is one of the ense. most important items. The better the ventilation the less the chance of contagion by diluting the air. To insure this take a board about a foot wire and the length of the window and slip it under the window opened to admit it. This provides a constant current of fresh air through the middle opening between the two sashes and without langer of draughts. Then, by opening the window from the top a short distance, several times an hour, the room is kept thoroughly aired. Prolonged contact with the patient should be avoided and ne food or fruit that has been in the sick room should be enter by any but the patient. The person filling the office of nurse should never eat without previous and thorough washing of the face and hands. Ordinary soap and water cleanliness is not enough. This must be supplemented by some disinfecting preparation, preferably a solution of one to 2,000 corrosive sublimate. For the prevention of contagion to others a strict quarantine should be established. An upper room should be used if possible, and the furniture should be as severely simple as is consistent with the comfort of the patient. If there is a prospect of long illness, two small cots will prove a great convenience. By placing them close together it is easy to move the patient from one to another when changing the hedding, and also permits each to be thoroughly aired each day. Preferably the floor should be bare with two or three light rugs that can be cleaned when the quarantine is removed. All draperies of woolen should be dispensed with, likewise pictures books or any upholstered furniture or brie-a-brae that will not stand disinfeeting. In severe cases an excellent precaution for the safety of the rest of the house is to hang a sheet portlerewise between the door of the sick room. and frequently saturate it with diuted carbolic acid, so that whenever it is necessary to open the door, the air passing out of the room is purified before reaching the halls. The nurse should also be provided with several loose cotton gowns to wear in the sick room, changing them if permitted to go into other parts of the house, says a health authority.

Nothing must go out of the sick room until disinfected. The dishes used must be thoroughly scalded before sending the tray out of the room. At the end of the disease the room and its contents, including both nurse and patient, must be thoroughly disinfected.

ODD BITS OF FASHION.

Tasty Trifles That Go to Make Up the Attractive Costumes of the Season.

There are varied opinions about this new revival of the fashion of dressing the hair low on the neck. Their tone lepends very much on whether or not the mode is becoming to the woman who is speaking. If she is young, with a fresh, oval face and a small, shapely head, she glories in the new coiffure and adds a piquant charm by putting a rose just back of her left ear. But if she has jost the bloom of youth she experi-ments with it in the seclusion of her ments with it in the seclusion of her own room, and decides that it is not free. Office at 504 Second St. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week, Consultation free. nearly so smart as the old way of perching the hair high on the crown of the head, says the New York Sun.

Another point against the low coiffure is its untidy appearance, unless great care is shown in its construction. and even then it very soon has a disheveled look, as it must be arranged loosely to have any style.

For full evening dress it has decided advantages, however, provided, of course, that it is becoming, as it sort of dresses the shoulders; but with highnecked gowns nothing could be more undesirable. Women with long hair dress it in puffs or a low, soft coil, while for shorter tresses there is the simple ter of the brow.

French camelshair serge is one of the popular materials for the spring tailormade gown.

Silk embroidery of the most elaborate and elegant description is a very striking feature of the latest evening gowns, and is considered much more chie than the spangles which have been worn so that Constant and the spangles which have been worn and the spangles which we would be spangles where Velvets and transparent fabries alike show this decoration, which in many instances is hand work.

A pretty finish is given to a plain slik

shirt waist by having a belt and a stock to match. These are effectively made of Russian gold or silver ribbon combined with taffeta ribbon.

The new crepe de chine sashes are lovely in coloring, texture and gloss, Some of them have an embroidered design in white around the edge, and all of them have silk fringe on the ends. They are pretty to drape around the shoulders, with a knot and ends at one

Heet Soup.
The Russians make a beet soup, which is much liked by all who have tasted it. To one quart of good beef stock take six large beets. Cut three beets into parrow strips, which add to the stock, and let simmer for one hour. or untitall the color has been extracted Drain these from the stock, and add narrow strips of the remaining beets, which have been previously baked. When these have simmered for a quarter of an hour add a third of a cup of sour cream. Serve with croutons, or senger with his head over the lee rail, preferably, forcement balls. When they don't seem to be very smooth."

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